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REPORT ON WELL COMPLETIONS IN THE UNITED STATES[1]

Wells actually completed in the current month may not be reported until several months later. The chart shown below illustrates the cumulative number of well completions for the current month and each of the eleven prior months, as now reported to the API. For comparison purposes, a corresponding curve describes the data, as then reported to the API, for the same twelve-month period a year ago.

These data are preliminary and subject to revision. The number of wells shown in the chart excludes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. The geographic distribution for wells and footage is not published on a monthly basis, but is available from the API's "Quarterly Completion Report."

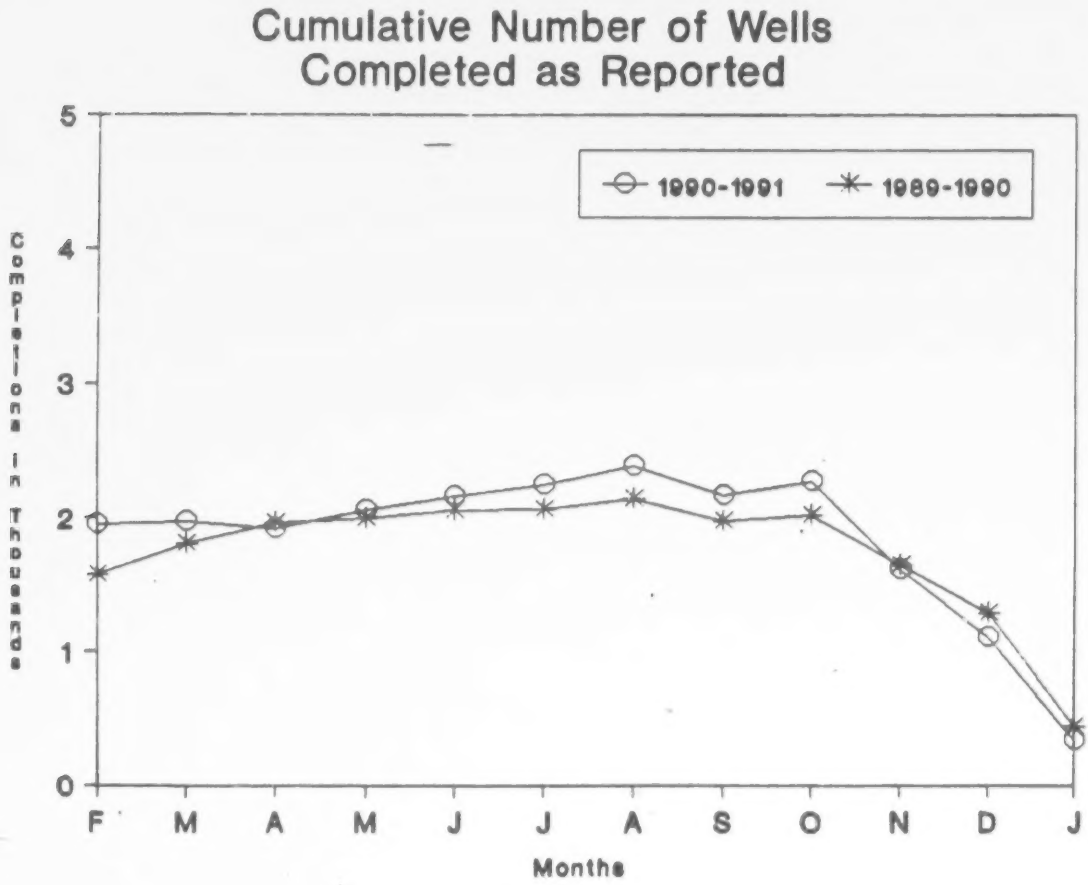

TABLE I: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF TOTAL WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF JANUARY 25, 1991[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES		TOTAL ALL WELLS[4]	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1991	119	590,332	46	253,233	168	927,274	333	1,770,839	336	1,778,001
1991: JAN	119	590,332	46	253,233	168	927,274	333	1,770,839	336	1,778,001
TOTAL 1990	9,375	44,046,666	7,906	41,161,959	6,979	36,992,926	24,260	122,201,551	24,741	123,773,951
1990: DEC	395	2,176,148	282	1,549,256	424	2,209,305	1,101	5,934,709	1,111	5,967,882
NOV	586	2,942,065	439	2,340,460	585	2,805,088	1,610	8,087,613	1,634	8,206,358
OCT	857	4,020,189	775	3,737,968	637	3,270,773	2,269	11,028,930	2,291	11,115,274
SEP	824	3,700,974	745	3,722,801	603	3,209,535	2,172	10,633,310	2,204	10,728,518
AUG	933	4,049,299	808	3,739,906	643	3,193,655	2,384	10,982,860	2,418	11,088,014
JUL	833	3,825,986	791	3,874,988	625	3,248,948	2,249	10,949,922	2,283	11,062,208
JUN	802	3,728,461	743	3,589,894	617	3,253,492	2,162	10,571,847	2,221	10,746,643
MAY	800	3,874,246	691	3,597,322	568	3,031,009	2,059	10,502,577	2,114	10,647,112
APR	767	3,617,620	581	3,214,599	570	3,263,908	1,918	10,096,127	1,965	10,234,083
MAR	824	3,904,670	615	3,605,278	533	2,854,145	1,972	10,364,093	2,023	10,535,794
FEB	799	3,668,840	656	3,816,478	497	2,832,028	1,952	10,317,346	1,999	10,486,228
JAN	955	4,538,168	780	4,373,009	677	3,821,040	2,412	12,732,217	2,478	12,955,837
TOTAL 1989	9,998	42,129,361	8,759	45,446,475	8,104	41,558,439	26,861	129,134,275	27,478	131,268,576
1989: DEC	908	3,947,692	784	4,381,164	735	3,981,499	2,427	12,310,355	2,476	12,462,340
NOV	901	3,806,656	794	4,161,031	726	3,792,359	2,421	11,760,046	2,490	12,003,592
OCT	913	3,893,583	835	4,161,027	801	3,953,034	2,549	12,007,644	2,600	12,205,275
SEP	815	3,553,976	805	3,952,249	726	3,757,421	2,346	11,263,646	2,377	11,383,588
AUG	951	3,652,614	831	4,232,945	707	3,615,537	2,489	11,501,096	2,574	11,738,448
JUL	853	3,349,177	759	3,833,117	689	3,428,527	2,301	10,610,821	2,355	10,810,929
JUN	822	3,580,313	707	3,398,597	681	3,435,058	2,210	10,413,968	2,250	10,545,061
MAY	870	3,544,257	612	3,171,420	657	3,173,312	2,139	9,888,989	2,184	10,032,772
APR	876	3,467,144	593	3,192,856	653	3,373,416	2,122	10,033,416	2,165	10,190,488
MAR	684	2,968,621	648	3,485,632	607	3,045,792	1,939	9,500,045	1,995	9,720,839
FEB	584	2,629,969	629	3,487,107	463	2,535,879	1,676	8,652,955	1,708	8,790,846
JAN	821	3,735,359	762	3,989,330	659	3,466,605	2,242	11,191,294	2,304	11,384,398
TOTAL 1988	13,293	57,145,209	8,257	43,853,185	9,989	52,024,698	31,539	153,023,089	32,493	155,963,968
TOTAL 1987	16,215	65,509,511	7,820	41,437,878	11,349	54,468,054	35,384	161,415,443	36,277	164,129,350

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TABLE II: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF EXPLORATORY WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF JANUARY 25, 1991[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1991	9	37,241	2	11,040	82	439,293	93	487,574
1991: JAN	9	37,241	2	11,040	82	439,293	93	487,574
TOTAL 1990	555	3,739,940	455	3,211,094	3,318	19,033,028	4,328	25,984,062
1990: DEC	19	150,652	15	99,001	218	1,129,503	252	1,379,156
NOV	35	232,197	13	97,811	268	1,417,203	316	1,747,211
OCT	49	284,641	38	255,038	307	1,748,552	394	2,288,231
SEP	47	297,978	34	241,076	279	1,533,041	360	2,072,095
AUG	66	410,995	46	326,728	276	1,546,060	388	2,283,783
JUL	53	387,279	46	324,746	309	1,687,151	408	2,399,176
JUN	56	407,855	45	323,951	294	1,649,788	395	2,381,594
MAY	42	270,159	40	299,834	252	1,525,981	334	2,095,974
APR	55	375,253	46	328,671	278	1,756,351	379	2,460,275
MAR	48	344,996	42	304,812	251	1,449,172	341	2,098,980
FEB	35	231,077	41	296,666	233	1,483,693	309	2,011,436
JAN	50	346,858	49	312,760	353	2,106,533	452	2,766,151
TOTAL 1989	593	3,518,371	664	4,266,575	3,917	21,497,246	5,174	29,282,192
1989: DEC	48	304,598	59	368,383	374	2,025,335	481	2,698,316
NOV	48	286,962	58	343,051	368	2,116,613	474	2,746,626
OCT	37	214,835	52	306,243	392	2,132,077	481	2,653,155
SEP	69	393,060	55	303,537	350	1,966,491	474	2,663,088
AUG	56	285,285	59	427,135	320	1,856,330	435	2,568,750
JUL	50	301,847	51	356,373	320	1,865,472	421	2,523,692
JUN	44	250,093	59	366,785	321	1,651,881	424	2,268,759
MAY	40	266,642	48	323,046	318	1,625,322	406	2,215,010
APR	64	375,967	52	306,234	287	1,553,042	403	2,235,243
MAR	49	329,562	51	341,402	298	1,520,507	398	2,191,471
FEB	42	249,289	53	375,822	238	1,379,598	333	1,999,709
JAN	46	260,231	67	453,564	331	1,804,578	444	2,518,373
TOTAL 1988	810	4,918,346	692	4,685,920	4,741	26,859,020	6,243	36,463,286
TOTAL 1987	896	5,304,209	696	4,599,638	5,203	27,284,967	6,795	37,188,814

See footnotes on page 5.

TABLE III: TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS AND FOOTAGE ADDITIONS[1] BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR REPORTED TO THE API DURING JANUARY 1991

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS AND DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[4] CURRENT MONTH	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1991	119	590,332	46	253,233	168	927,274	333	1,770,839	336	1,778,001
1991: JAN	119	590,332	46	253,233	168	927,274	333	1,770,839	336	1,778,001
TOTAL 1990	701	3,684,436	731	3,868,438	379	1,946,793	1,811	9,499,667	1,858	9,594,223
1990: DEC	305	1,711,830	250	1,411,393	220	1,091,377	775	4,214,600	777	4,219,405
NOV	190	1,008,512	188	1,068,410	87	451,085	465	2,528,007	471	2,550,699
OCT	98	509,601	121	519,145	25	152,121	244	1,180,867	248	1,199,025
SEP	49	214,880	42	215,432	12	54,982	103	485,294	111	509,674
AUG	15	59,884	40	154,024	9	33,006	64	246,914	67	252,242
JUL	12	52,489	27	113,153	6	40,992	45	206,634	45	206,634
JUN	8	19,777	17	80,890	7	38,077	32	138,744	46	149,445
MAY	7	41,808	7	45,368	3	17,769	17	104,945	25	109,470
APR	2	1,785	7	20,290	4	21,025	13	43,100	13	43,100
MAR	4	7,056	5	23,779	1	6,413	10	37,248	12	41,215
FEB	8	49,022	16	123,388	2	22,226	26	194,636	26	194,636
JAN	3	7,792	11	93,166	3	17,720	17	118,678	17	118,678
TOTAL 1989	21	47,178	18	156,316	13	63,727	50	267,221	58	279,072
1989: DEC	6	12,280	3	33,460	2	2,970	11	48,710	11	48,710
NOV	2	6,855	2	26,104	1	16,500	5	49,459	5	49,459
OCT	3	7,267	3	20,817	5	19,245	11	47,329	11	47,329
SEP	0	0	1	9,563	1	4,512	2	14,075	4	15,919
AUG	1	2,290	3	32,597	1	3,500	5	38,387	9	39,587
JUL	1	305	1	6,800	0	0	2	7,105	2	7,105
JUN	0	0	2	19,875	1	5,975	3	25,850	3	25,850
MAY	4	8,880	1	7,100	1	3,525	6	19,505	6	19,505
APR	1	2,040	0	0	1	7,500	2	9,540	2	9,540
MAR	2	5,041	0	0	0	0	2	5,041	2	5,041
FEB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	857
JAN	1	2,220	0	0	0	0	1	2,220	2	10,170
TOTAL 1988	4	4,089	3	14,552	7	14,265	14	32,906	15	35,182
YRS PRIOR TO 1988	28	34,925	6	25,526	9	32,908	43	93,359	43	93,359
TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[5]	873	4,360,960	802	4,318,065	576	2,984,967	2,251	11,663,992	2,310	11,779,837

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TABLE I AND TABLE II:

1. The cumulative number of wells reported in this table is the total number of wells included in the API database for each of the months and years shown, as of January 25, 1991. These data are preliminary and subject to further revisions.

2. Includes multiple completion wells which produce oil from at least one zone, but may produce gas from one or more zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well.

3. Includes multiple completion wells which produce gas from all zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well. Gas wells also include so-called condensate wells.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. (Not applicable to Table II.)

TABLE III:

1. Total number of wells received by the API during the report month and classified by completion month and year. These wells are included in Tables I and II.

2. See footnote (2) above.

3. See footnote (3) above.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells.

5. Total wells reported are those received by the API for the report period December 29, 1990 through January 25, 1991. The sub-totals shown for each yearly period may not add up to the total wells reported for the period. Some wells, received during the report period, may have been completed in years prior to those shown in Table III.